


**Remarks/Arguments**

The present amendment cancels claims 23-26 and provides a replacement Sequence Listing. The amendments to the claims are intended to reduce the number of currently pending claims and eliminate the use of a multiple dependent claim format. The cancellation of the claims is without prejudice to future prosecution.

The enclosed Sequence Listing has an updated general information section. No new matter is introduced into the Sequence Listing.

Please charge deposit account 13-2755 for fees due in connection with this amendment. If any time extensions are needed for the timely filing of the present amendment, applicants petition for such extensions and authorize the charging of deposit account 13-2755 for the appropriate fees.

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